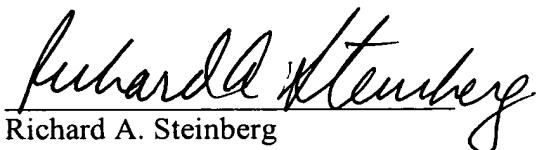


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims are presented in order to eliminate improper multiple dependent claims, and to put the language of the claims in a form more usual for U.S. practice. Newly added claims 12-17 replace a previous multiple dependent claim. The amendments to the specification are presented in order add an Abstract of the Disclosure, and to cross reference the International application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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